



State of Wisconsin
Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Sheila Harsdorf, Secretary
Division of Agricultural Resource Management, Bureau of Plant Industry

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Dear Christmas Tree Grower:

During the fall of 2017 inspectors from WDATCP inspected your Christmas tree field and found gypsy moth lifestages either on stock or in the trees around your fields. Enclosed is a copy of your inspection report describing the locations the egg masses were found.

Christmas trees and nursery stock within 100 feet of any egg mass should be treated. **You must treat if you intend to ship stock from this field to an area outside of the gypsy moth quarantine.** The federal gypsy moth quarantine requires that under these conditions you must apply a registered insecticide to eliminate any gypsy moth life stages that may have infested the Christmas trees and/or nursery stock. We also suggest that you spray trees bordering your fields to reduce the risk of gypsy moth larvae migrating into your fields.

To help determine spray times, contact Bill McNee with the Department of Natural Resources to be added to his weekly bio-sim model email updates at: Bill.McNee@wisconsin.gov. Bio-sim software uses the 10 day forecast and historical temperatures to predict egg hatch and larval development. It is still important to do actual field monitoring to decide when to spray.

Please send back in the envelope provided, a completed treatment form stating the chemical used, EPA registration number and rate, date of treatment, and method of application. This verifies treatment for state and federal regulatory purposes.

If you have any questions please call.

Thank you,

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ENCLOSURES:

- Record of Gypsy Moth treatment
- Return envelope
- Quarantine map
- List of approved treatments
- List of aerial applicators
- Inspection Report

